

this house, on the expediency of abolishing the present lottery system of this state, and authorising, in its stead, the drawing of such private lotteries as the legislature may, from time to time, think proper to grant, for the construction of roads, building of bridges, school houses, churches, or for other public purposes; the drawers of such lotteries paying into the public treasury a certain portion of their profits, as a bonus for the privileges granted.

Which being read.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, it was referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Turner of Baltimore county, offered the following order:

Ordered, That this house sit, for the dispatch of local business, from six until nine o'clock in the evening, during the remainder of the present session, to commence on Monday next.

Which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Mercer asked and obtained leave, to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate the Port Deposit and Chesapeake Turnpike Company, passed at December session, 1827, chap. 200. And,

On his motion, it was

Ordered, That a select committee of three members, be appointed by the speaker, to prepare and report said bill. Messrs. Mercer, Townsend and Gale, were appointed the said committee, pursuant to the order.

Mr. Miller asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act for the protection of sheep, in the several counties of this state, and for other purposes, passed at December session, 1827, chapter 199.

And, on his motion, it was

Ordered, That a select committee of three members be appointed by the speaker, to prepare and report said bill. Messrs. Miller, M'Pherson and Hughes, were appointed the said committee, pursuant to the order.

Mr. Hughes offered the following message:

By the House of Delegates, February 14, 1829.  
Gentlemen of the Senate,

We propose, with your concurrence, to make it the duty of the joint committee of the two houses, appointed upon the subject of the chancery records, to inquire into the propriety of reducing the compensation now made to the register in chancery, and clerks of the county courts, for recording judgments and decrees, for which they at present receive twelve and a half cents per side, being more by five